From: Alex

To: Microsoft ATR

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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft anittrust trial. The predatory behavior and laws that Microsoft have broken are in no way reflected in the proposal. A much stronger remedy must be enacted which keeps the best interest of the citizens of the US in mind. A decision which favors the right for linux and open source projects/products to innovate, as well as Microsoft competitors, is necessary. Microsoft is not in need of leniency, they are one of the most powerful corporations in history, literally controlling the entire computer landscape. They must NOT be treated with kid gloves, but kept in check, especially considering all of their past predatory actions. If we do not act strongly and swiftly, I fear that the innovation of computation as a tool for humanity will be significantly hampered.

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